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In re U.S. Patent Application of

WATANABE et al.

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For: DATA DISTRIBUTION METHOD, DATA SEARCH  
METHOD, AND DATA SEARCH SYSTEM

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Art Unit 2167

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**COVER LETTER**

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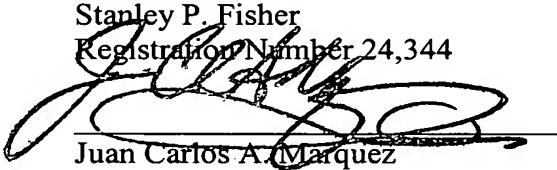
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2007, the Office Communication mailed on January 8, 2007, and the telephone conversation with the Examiner on January 11, 2008, the period for response to which is set to expire on February 8, 2008. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: